

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

## Draft LTCCP 2009-19

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**I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.**

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<b>Your Submission:</b>	<p>Aranui Community Trust submission to the Christchurch City Councils Draft LTCCP plan 2009 - 19</p> <p>ACTIS supports the vision of the council for A world class boutique city, where people enjoy sustainable lifestyle, a healthy environment, a strong economic base and the diverse landscapes of the city and peninsula. ACTIS would like to suggest that for this vision to become a reality the city as a whole must be considered if any success or movement toward this vision is going to take place. (Reference - P14)</p> <p>For this vision to be fulfilled ACTIS believes that relevant focus needs to be given in terms of development to the areas in our city that are in most social need</p> <p>Strategic Issues.(Reference - P21).</p> <p>ACTIS Supports the focus on the fact that Christchurch's economic prosperity and community wellbeing depend on making use of skills, talents and experience of all members of the community. It shares the concerns about the education achievement of some groups of young people in our city. ACTIS agrees with the concerns that Maori and Pasifika students are significantly less likely to leave school qualified to attend university or even work ready than the total population. We also agree that Maori students are also much more likely to leave school before the age of 16 than any other ethnic group. With the changing ethnic demographic that is projected in our city over the coming years ACTIS would like to suggest that the Council is uniquely positioned to support educational partners in this difficult but necessary area of development. ACTIS would like to suggest that without serious and sustained improvement in this area a vision such as the one</p>

defined in the opening pages of the LTCCP will be difficult to achieve. ACTIS would like to suggest that the LTCCP falls short in showing the community how council attempts to address these issues so progress on these outcomes can be achieved.

ACTIS also agrees with the concerns that children of parents on lower incomes have lower levels of education attainment, which helps perpetuate the cycle of disadvantage. Again ACTIS would like to suggest that the council is in a unique position to engage proactively with stakeholders and key educational partners that sees development in the areas of lowest income in our city regarding education and training to enable sustainable, realistic and viable solutions that turn the curve and break the cycles that are evident from census and other data. ACTIS would like to suggest that the LTCCP falls short in showing the community how council attempts to address these issues so measured progress on the outcomes council have identified can be achieved.

ACTIS is focused on working strategically to change minds that change behaviours that eventually leads to a change in cycles that are evident in the community of Aranui. ACTIS would like to suggest that it is unclear in the LTCCP how these strategic issues that have been highlighted in the LTCCP transcribe into action at local community and city wide levels. In its LTCCP council are able to show that these issues are getting worse and its is reasonable in the current economic and global climate that many of these issues are likely to deteriorate further.

ACTIS believes that the council has a role to play in not just highlighting these facts but developing collaborative activities and solutions which attempt to break some of the cycles that are prevalent in the systems that hinder the prospects of socio-economic growth across the city as a whole. ACTIS also believes that the council is positioned ideally to speak independently around these issues and instigate development with stakeholders and partners. This is from a position that suggests that it is not good economically or socially for our city to be neglecting a large demographic with such disparity in education achievement, Health, income and social mobility. ACTIS would like clarification regarding how the Council is developing a collaborative approach with partners and stakeholders that affirms its role and scope in local government but also makes significant progress on its own defined outcomes across the city and specifically in areas of most need.

Major Projects.  
New City Libraries.  
(Reference - P29.)

ACTIS Welcomes a new library in Aranui with development beginning in 2010. ACTIS would like to support the practice and response to need that the council has exhibited in prioritising a library in Aranui. It shows a concerted effort in meeting the needs of a community to improve access to essential services that directly improve the economic, health and quality measures of any community. ACTIS would like to support council staff in the consultation process around this development and would like to support a process from the beginning which engages the community and what they want, so participation throughout the whole project and beyond can be maximised. Like the development of Wainoni park this is a chance for council to model a best practice showcase for community engagement and consultation for community assets.

ACTIS also sees this development producing exciting synergies and new ways of working in a new development, and coinciding with previous work carried out by Christchurch city libraries such as Te Ara Hou, The new Pathway Christchurch City Libraries / Nga Kete Wananga-o-Otautahi Bicultural Action Plan 2008-2010.

Parks Development.  
(Reference - P29).

ACTIS would like to state that there is no reference to continual development, finishing of projects etc. In the LTCCP plan, when concerned with parks and specifically regarding the continuation and completion of the Wainoni park. Currently Wainoni park needs to be completed as the development plan that has been signed off has not yet been finished. In 2007 the partners of Aranui renewal the Christchurch city council, ACTIS and Housing New Zealand won the New Zealand recreation association Outstanding project award for the design and consultation process that took place for Wainoni park. Obviously the award referred to the process and design of the finished park. ACTIS could see no reference to this ongoing development in relation to the original park plan in the new LTCCP plan? This represents a significant continuation of renewal and development in Aranui. The Stages to be completed are as follows,

6. Park entry - Possible multi purpose hard surface area as entry feature to park including seating, art element

7. Pocket Park " feature park within Wainoni park incorporating: possible significant art element, shelter seating, indigenous planting themes, paths.

9. Existing Building " Retain for expanded community use

11. Community centre " Retain and promote opportunities for increased use. Investigate alternatives for providing a permanent stage with improved visual and physical links between the community centre and park. Enhance Hampshire street frontage.

12. Community centre courtyard " Provide all weather hard surface event space as part of permanent stage project to rear of community centre. Low grass mounding provides informal amphitheatre / seating opportunities. Incorporate art elements as key character feature of space " art brief to be developed in consultation with community

13. Netball and Basketball " one or two hard surface courts developed over existing carpark

17. Picnic and Hangi area " Community barbecue and hangi pit area with seating, tables and shelter.

ACTIS would also like to point out that there is as significant amount of planting of trees and flora that is still to be completed.

The failure to complete this plan undermines the initial valuable and award winning process and inhibits future processes that engage the community in consultation about what they want.

Recreation and Leisure Facilitates.  
(Reference - P29).

ACTIS would like to see all council owned facilities in the Aranui community being run and used as a vibrant community facilities that reflect the diversity of our community and are affordable and accessible to all groups. Regarding the operation of facilities (like the Wainoni / Aranui family centre), ACTIS would like to suggest that these are operated under a co-ordinated process that is open to all parts of the community, and preferably run by a co-ordinator. ACTIS would like to see the wainoni / Aranui family centre become an Activities centre, that is managed in a way that is easily accessible by the community at all times of the day. ACTIS recently put in a proposal that suggested a proposed model of management for this specific community facility that would enable increased use and access for and by the community. While this may set a precedent it is the case, we would like to suggest that the community is now organised enough to be able to manage its centre in an excellent manner, working closely and supported by council.

Community Outcomes.  
(Reference - p56 - 60).

ACTIS supports the community outcomes defined by council, and the approach using headline indicators as a measure of progress. However it is less clear with some of these community outcomes how the role of the council will effect these outcomes for our city without becoming more engaged with stakeholders and partners to achieve these outcomes. ACTIS

would like some clear description regarding these outcomes and how it is going to focus on these community outcomes in more deprived areas to achieve these results in an increased collaborative way.

#### Community Support.

(Reference - p180).

ACITS supports the development of performance / outcome / Result measurement monitoring, with direct links to population results?

#### Community Support - Cost of proposed Services - Community Grants.

(Reference - p186).

ACTIS would like to suggest that It is unclear in terms of the increase from 5.397 mill - 10,220 Mill over the years 2008-2009 and 2009 -2010. In the City Councils LTCCP plan 2006-2016 the community grants was 5,116 (2008-2009) with projected increase to -5,400 (2009/10) Mill. ACTIS Would like clarification of these monies and the change. Does this represent an increase of 5.204 million to the community grants fund? Also in light of recent media attention regarding the reduction in community grants, could we have clarification and a description of this budget line, specifically the breakdown of the 10,220 Mill in to the separate grants and a relationship between these amounts and previous years grants. This would enable us as a community to be more informed as currently the description in the current draft LTCCP is unclear and potentially misleading and confusing.

#### Changes and Proposals.

(reference P14 Vol 1, P219 Vol 2).

#### Policy on Determining Significance.

ACTIS is concerned with the deterioration of the consultation process proposed in the change in policy around determining significance.

Introducing the concepts of matters of urgency and commercial sensitivity to enable council to tailor a process that they feel is practicable is not a reason to rebuff a process that previously required consultation around issues which carried these potential risks. The very reason for the fuller previous policy is that often matters of urgency and commercial sensitivity are the issues and decisions that effect our city the most, so consultation is more than acceptable it is a requirement. Whilst frustration may well be felt in the process, the result is a more open, transparent and democratic practice. ACTIS believes that the nature of the language used in the proposed policy is unacceptable when concerned with issues described and what the purpose the policy ultimately serves. The definition of urgency, commercially sensitive and even the notion of tailoring is unacceptable in this policy on determining significance. The subjective nature of this policy, and the contradictory nature of its description ultimately deteriorates the democratic processes that we have come to expect and that council is committed to continuing.